

**A MERRY CHRISTMAS.**  
And tonight, as the day had come,  
The bell of all Christendom  
Had rolled along  
Of peace on earth, good-will to men.  
Christmas Day is the special annual  
jubilee for children throughout Christen-  
dom. It is incomparably the day that  
should bring joy and peace and love to  
the homes in all lands where the story of  
the birth of Jesus has been read. For  
being merry and carrying about glad  
hearts and receiving kind remembrances  
of affection and friendship, it is the Day  
of Days.

There will be millions of children  
throughout the world made happy, and  
proud of their homes by the coming of  
Santa Claus, on the morrow; and the old  
as well as the young will feel the touch  
of gladness which accompanies the day  
that first inspired the angels to sing.  
But while thousands of homes will be  
made bright to-morrow and filled with  
cheer that can only come of Christmas,  
there will be many homes, and some will  
be in Janesville as well as in the much  
larger cities, that will not have  
"Merry Christmas" that gladdens  
the world. The cruel facts  
have never permitted the Star of Beth-  
lehem to shed its gleam in some homes.  
Poverty and disappointment and hearts  
that do not beat in unison, have driven  
"Merry Christmas" far away from them.  
Children in rags with no father's love,  
no mother's affection and tender care,  
will hardly be able to sing:

As Christmas play, and make good cheer,  
For Christmas comes but once a year.  
There are good many homes and  
children like these, but we are glad to  
note that in some of the large cities clubs  
are being organized among the rich  
which has for its object the giving of  
Christmas gifts to the children  
whose homes are made desolate by pinch-  
ing poverty. It is worthy of note, also,  
that the daughter of President Arthur,  
assisted by other ladies of wealth and  
sympathy in Washington, have organized  
a club in that city, whose special mis-  
sion on Christmas Day will be to carry a  
"Merry Christmas" in the shape of food,  
needful clothing, and other necessary ar-  
ticles, to the homes of the ragged and the  
poor. Such a touch of grand human  
nature will make the angels sing all the  
more sweetly in celebrating the birth of  
Jesus, the Savior of the world. Let  
those who have abundance and a little  
to spare, make the hearts of some needy  
families glad on Christmas morning. It  
doesn't cost much to do a little deed like  
that, and yet it may carry a very heaven  
itself into the homes that are shadowed  
by poverty and misfortune.

With gentle deeds and kindly thought,  
And loving words, and wishes, all  
Welcome the Merry Christmas in.  
And bear a brother's call.

Mr. Roosevelt, headmaster has been post-  
master at North Lansing, New York, for  
55 years; having been appointed in 1828.

China is afraid to fight France while  
Sara Bernhardt is on the war path. It is  
all right that China should ask for a fair  
show.

It would be a good thing if some of  
our divorce mills were set up in Utah  
among the polygamists. "The Lord would  
be on the side of such divorce granting."

As a Christmas gift to the country—  
one that will be appreciated too—con-  
gress will adjourn for two weeks. Once  
every year—at holiday times—congress  
does a nice thing, that is to adjourn.

If old Santa Claus could have his own  
way on Christmas, "earth, sea and sky  
would clasp each other in sweet em-  
brace, and every air made musical with  
the sweetest of the winter birds that  
softly sang of harmony in the leafless  
trees." The old folk believe in natu-  
ral joy on that day and plenty of  
Christmas gifts for the children.

The Madison Democrat is getting a  
little slack in its confidence about the  
democratic winning the presidential elec-  
tion next year. In its Sunday issue it  
apologetically says: "The democracy may  
not be able to carry the next election on  
the issue of revenue reform. But if it  
manfully and squarely meet that issue it  
will, even if defeated, win a glorious  
moral victory in overthrowing the hated  
and hateful spirit of sectionalism. It  
will open up a topic of discussion which  
will lift the masses out of that narrow,  
belittling and soul-shriveling spirit of  
northern hatred of the south and south-  
ern hatred of the north, which a class of  
organs and politicians use to form the  
heating element of popular enthusiasm." We  
are glad to know that the democ-  
ratic party is preparing for the worst.

In the office of the secretary of state  
has been prepared a statement showing  
the number of marriages, births and  
deaths during the year 1883 as compared  
with 1882. By a statute of the session  
of 1882 it was provided that the sum of  
10 cents be paid physicians for the return  
of every birth or death occurring in their  
practice. The result is there has been  
more promptness manifested in reports.  
Marriages are shown to be on the in-  
crease, which is doubtless due to natural  
increase in the population. Rock county  
in 1882 reported 452 marriages, 165  
births, and 50 deaths. During the past  
year the number of marriages is reported  
to have been 480, births 207, and deaths  
72. Of course these figures are incor-  
rect,—that is they do not give the actual  
number of marriages, births and deaths  
which took place in the county during  
the year. The state has been trying for  
a long time to get correct re-  
turns regarding these vital  
statistics, but has failed. The law is not  
strictly regarded in any of the counties  
which makes the returns here given of  
little worth. It would be interesting if  
an annual report could be made by the  
number of marriages, births and deaths  
occurring each year could be correctly  
returned. By the statement just pre-  
pared by the secretary of state, the follow-

ing is given: The totals for the state in  
1883 are: marriages, 13,406; births, 12-  
344; deaths, 4,084; and in 1882 they were:  
marriages, 11,655; births, 17,835; deaths,  
6,472.

**A SPELL OF WEATHER.**

Cincinnati Experiences a Sudden  
Change of Temperature.

Two Feet of Snow and Then a Thaw  
—A Flood in the Streets  
and Ohio River—Re-  
low Zero.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 24.—The severest  
storm ever known in the history of this city  
started in with snow at 6 a. m. Saturday,  
and continued falling unabated until 4 p. m.,  
Sunday, covering the ground to the depth of  
two feet. Several homes were in many  
places in which has continued incessantly. Over  
five inches of rain has fallen and this  
large amount of water, together  
with the two feet of snow that  
is fast falling on under the rising tempera-  
ture and warm rain, has placed the streets in  
an indescribable and impossible condition.  
In many of the streets the sewers are stopped,  
causing the water to accumulate to the depth  
of several feet, and in many places the water  
is so high as to be a serious danger to  
pedestrians and business houses. Street-car and  
other travel is generally suspended, liv-  
ing a refuse, even at enormous figures to  
allow the water and vehicles to go out.  
Telephone and telegraph communication is  
badly interrupted in all directions, this  
other complications, making it impossible to  
gather a complete report of the actual dam-  
age being done. The greatest fears are enter-  
tained of a destructive flood all along  
the Ohio valley. Steamboat men are busy  
moving their steamers and barges to places of  
safety, and merchants along the  
river are greatly alarmed on ac-  
count of reports received from  
the Locking and other streams above and  
below, showing to be rising very rapidly,  
and throwing out immense volumes of water.  
Should this prove true, as well as the reports  
from local waters of a heavy rise, there is  
no doubt but what the towns and cities  
along the Ohio will receive a visitation of  
the great flood of February last, which  
caused untold loss and suffering. Trains on  
all the roads are arriving late from four to  
eight hours to the consequence of the snow and  
rain storm, but no accidents have as yet  
been reported. The engineers on all out-  
going trains have been cautioned to look  
out for bridges, and other dangerous spots  
where wrecks are liable to occur. Reports  
from Newport, Ky., opposite this city, say  
several bridges have been washed away. No  
less than thirty persons have been reported  
more or less injured in the twenty-four hours  
by falls received while walking on the  
slippery pavements and sidewalks.  
The roofs of the following buildings are  
reported as having given away to the great  
pressure of the snow and ice: The  
Gauguin, Public Library, Richter & Co.,  
dry goods; J. P. Garvey & Co., commission  
house; S. Maure, grocery and restaurant;  
F. J. Fowell, and several smaller concerns.

**Rapid Changes at Rochester, N. Y.**  
ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 24.—The Arctic  
wave struck this city Saturday. The highest  
temperature during Saturday was 29 deg.,  
the mercury gradually falling until at 5:30  
Sunday a. m., when it touched 4 deg. below  
zero. From that hour it rose somewhat, the  
register showing zero at 11 a. m. It re-  
mained stationary at that point for some  
time, and then rose rapidly and a heavy  
snowstorm prevailed, with a strong south-  
west wind.

**An Unusual Thaw at the Capital.**  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24.—The first  
snowstorm of the winter set in here about  
noon and continued to fall until a late hour  
at night, with a fair prospect of an unusual  
thing for Washington—good sleighing on  
Christmas.

**At Various Points.**  
NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 24.—The morn-  
ing reached 8 deg. below zero here. A  
heavy snowstorm set in about 10 o'clock Sun-  
day morning.

BRIENHOF, Conn., Dec. 24.—On Sunday  
morning the mercury stood at 10 deg. below  
zero; at night 5 deg. above. Snowing hard.  
Harbor frozen from shore to shore.

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—Sunday morning was  
the coldest of the season, the mercury dropping  
to 10 deg. below.

NEWPORT, R. I., Dec. 24.—Saturday night  
was the coldest for several years. The ther-  
mometer next morning registered 8 below.

GLOUCESTER, Mass., Dec. 24.—The ther-  
mometer was 14 below zero Sunday morning,  
the coldest for over ten years.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 24.—The thermom-  
eter was from 20 to 30 deg. below Sunday morn-  
ing, and several degrees below all day.

MANCHESTER, N. H., Dec. 24.—The ther-  
mometer stood 20 deg. below at sunrise Sun-  
day, and below.

LYNN, Mass., Dec. 24.—The thermometer  
was 10 deg. at sunrise Sunday, and 10 deg. at  
noon.

SALER, Mass., Dec. 24.—The mercury  
ranged all Sunday between 10 and 20 deg.  
below zero.

LEICESTER, Dec. 24.—It is now snow-  
ing and sleeting since Saturday morning.  
The snow is over a foot deep. Railroad  
trains are delayed from one to eight hours.  
The weather is warmer, with light rains.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 24.—Pittsburgh was  
visited by one of the worst storms for years. It  
commenced snowing Sunday at daylight,  
and continued until dusk, when it changed  
to a steady, warm rain. The streets are in a  
terrible condition, and many cellars are  
flooded and goods damaged. Trains are all  
delayed, and telegraph wires are prostrate in  
every direction. Owing to heavy snow in  
the Monongahela valley and at the head-  
waters of the Allegheny, a disastrous flood  
is expected.

DUBLIN, Dec. 24.—A snowstorm  
set in at an early hour Saturday morning,  
and continued till about 10 o'clock Saturday  
night. The fall is about five inches, and the  
snow has drifted considerably. Trains on all  
the roads are somewhat delayed, but no  
serious blockades exist.

DURHAM, Iowa, Dec. 24.—A fall of six  
inches of snow has made good sleighing, the  
first of the season. The storm raged all Sat-  
urday night and Sunday, turning into sleet  
and rain. Trains are running on time.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 24.—A heavy snowstorm  
set in early Sunday morning and continued  
until noon, accompanied by a heavy gale.  
From the railroad offices it is learned the  
storm was quite widespread, but no trouble  
was experienced by trains.

WINNEBAGO, Va., Dec. 24.—Snow has  
fallen throughout the state. The fall is  
general throughout the state.

**A View of the Monroe Doctrine.**  
LONDON, Dec. 24.—The Standard, continu-  
ing upon the Panama canal question, says  
that England stands in the attitude of de-  
fending the commercial world against the  
ambition of one power for absolute and ex-  
clusive authority over the canal.

**Picked Up at Sea.**  
QUEENSTOWN, Dec. 24.—An English la-  
dy has brought to this port the cabin and five  
of the crew of the Nova Scotia ship Regulus,  
which she had found floating on a raft in  
mid-ocean. The remainder of the crew pre-  
pared with the ship.

What will Brown's Iron Bitters cure?  
It will cure Heart Disease, Paralysis,  
Dropsy, Kidney Disease, Consumption,  
Dyspepsia, Rheumatism and all similar  
diseases. Its wonderful curative power  
is simply because it purifies and enriches  
the blood, thus beginning at the founda-  
tion, and by building up the system, drives  
out all disease. For the peculiar troubles  
to which ladies are subject it is invalu-

able. It is the only preparation of iron  
that does not color the teeth or create  
headaches.  
Mr. R. S. Stratton, Greenbush, Wis.,  
says: "Brown's Iron Bitters has cured me  
of rheumatism and general debility."  
Mr. T. J. Brazleton, Scotts, Wis., says:  
"Brown's Iron Bitters cured me of cholera  
& fever after other remedies failed."

**TERRIBLE HOLOCAUST.**

Fire in a School in Constantinople—  
Forty-nine Victims.

The Egyptian Problem—"Unser  
Fritz" Home Again—French  
Smugglers Abroad—Gen-  
eral Foreign Notes.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 24.—A Jewish  
school and synagogue of Galata, a suburb of  
Constantinople, was burned. Fifteen stu-  
dents were killed and forty-nine injured.  
The fire broke out in the basement of the  
German (Lazaretto) school-house. The flames  
spread with such rapidity as to prevent a ma-  
jority of the children escaping through the  
doors. Many were thrown or jumped from  
the upper windows into basements in the street  
below. Many were injured. Nineteen  
charred bodies have been recovered. The direc-  
tor, a Jew, is missing. The director of the  
school, a Jew, with his family, threw himself  
from a window and was killed.

**The Egyptian Problem.**  
LONDON, Dec. 24.—The Observer's Cairo dis-  
patch says that the British government has  
officially informed Egypt that it will not at-  
tempt to reconquer the Sudan nor permit  
Egypt to make the attempt. England,  
however, is willing that any other power  
shall do so at Egypt's request, pro-  
viding the British have no objection. En-  
gland is willing to send a fleet to  
Alexandria and assist in the defense of  
strictly Egyptian territory if the same is  
threatened by the British. The Cairo  
correspondent, however, denies that En-  
gland is willing to dispatch a fleet to Alexandria or  
permit another power to send an expedition  
to the Sudan.

CAIRO, Dec. 24.—It now transpires that the  
army of Hicks Pasha was materially weak-  
ened some time before engaging in battle  
with El Mahdi by the defection of Ali  
Pasha, one of the principal officers of the ex-  
pedition. At Malabai Ali Pasha refused to ac-  
company Hicks. Further, giving as his reason  
the obvious hopelessness of Hicks' position  
against the growing strength of the Falso  
Prophet. Ali Pasha was joined by 1,000 of  
Hicks' command who shared his views, and  
Hicks was compelled to proceed without  
them. It is stated that Ali Pasha is now  
continually fighting in order to prevent him-  
self and command from becoming prisoners  
of El Mahdi.

**The Avenger O'Donnell Case.**  
LONDON, Dec. 24.—The communications  
exchanged between Lord Granville, the  
British foreign secretary, and Mr. Lowell,  
the American minister, in connection with  
the case of O'Donnell, the slayer of James Carey,  
were brief. Lord Granville limited his  
replies to the latest statements customary  
in cases of examination into sentences  
involving capital punishment. The opinion  
of the American colonies in Gen-  
eral and Paris was strongly adverse to the  
interference of the secretary of state. The  
American Register says that American  
officials have no cause to complain  
against the high-spirited case of O'Donnell,  
their being both Irishmen and Americans.  
The absurdity of the claim of double nation-  
ality was never, it says, more strikingly illus-  
trated than in the "appeal on behalf of  
O'Donnell."

**French Smugglers in Syria.**  
CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 24.—The ports  
are much annoyed by the discovery of an exten-  
sive system of smuggling through Syrian  
ports by means of boats bearing the flag of  
Jerusalem, which exempts them from inspec-  
tion. By a firman of short date the use of this  
flag was granted to two boats only, but it is  
now found to be carried by at least forty-  
five. The trade is carried on mostly by the  
French, and the attention of France having  
been called to the matter by the Marquis de  
Noailles, the French ambassador, has threat-  
ened that, if any attempt is made by the  
ports to interfere, a French fleet will be sent  
to Jaffa, Beyrut and other ports to protect  
the commercial interests of French subjects.

**Moody and Sankey.**  
LONDON, Dec. 24.—Moody and Sankey  
have concluded their fortnight's mission at  
Steyney. The interest excited by the mis-  
sion is remarkable, as it reached the aver-  
age of the population deeper than here-  
before. The meetings were crowded, and  
thousands were converted. The meetings will  
be resumed after the holidays at Clapham,  
whither the Iron mission hall will be re-  
moved.

**Albert Edward and the Iron Workers.**  
LONDON, Dec. 24.—The ironworkers at  
Stockton on Tees were asked to take a hol-  
iday on the occasion of the approaching re-  
ception of the prince of Wales at that place.  
The workers refused, and also refused to  
subscribe to a fund for the decoration of the  
town. The prince has been warned of the  
repudiation of Stockton. It is doubtful if he  
will receive a warm reception.

**Thanks for Hospitality.**  
ROMA, Dec. 24.—The Baron De Kende-  
ll, German ambassador, has presented to the  
corporation of Rome, through a syndicate,  
a list of the crown prince, and \$3,000 lire in  
money for distribution among local churches,  
accompanied by an official letter thanking  
the city authorities for the very cordial re-  
ception awarded to the crown prince during  
his recent visit.

**Fritz at Home.**  
DRESDEN, Dec. 24.—The Crown Prince  
Frederick William has arrived here and pro-  
ceeded directly to the palace, where he was  
for some time in conference with the em-  
peror. The Kaiser expressed himself as being  
highly pleased with the result of the visit of  
the crown prince to Madrid and Rome.

**France and China.**  
PARIS, Dec. 24.—It is stated here that the  
Marquis Tseng has received no instructions  
as to the rumored proposal of English medi-  
ation in the Chinese question. The general  
belief is that France has now abandoned all  
thought of such an intervention.

**Not Dead, After All.**  
HONG KONG, Dec. 24.—The governor of  
Canton has telegraphed that King  
Thi Hon of Annam is not dead. He volun-  
tarily abdicated the throne, and is living  
quietly at Hue.

**A Happy Result.**  
BERLIN, Dec. 24.—The press throughout  
the empire are exulting over the idea that the  
crown prince, Frederick William, has by his  
recent tour caused Germany to be loved as  
much as she is feared by her neighbors.

**The Cox Reported Seriously Hurt.**  
ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 24.—The latest re-  
ports concerning the capture of his ship, the  
Cox, resulting from a fall while handling, as serious.

**Marine News.**  
NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Arrived: Steamer  
State of Florida, from Glasgow; Pompano,  
from Antwerp, and Fulda, from Bremen.

**A Fair Offer.**  
The Voltaic Belt Co. of Marshall,  
Mich., offer to send Dr. Dyke's Celebrated  
Voltaic belt and electric appliances on  
trial, for thirty days, to men, old and  
young, afflicted with nervous debility,  
lost vitality, and many other diseases.  
See advertisement in this paper.

**INDUSTRIAL MATTERS.**

Foreign Wage-Workers' Strike—  
The New York Tribune.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The strike of the colliery  
workers in Lancashire and the miners in  
Yorkshire increases in proportions. Twenty-  
six thousand loaves are idle in Blackburn and  
14,000 in Darwen and Radcliffe. At  
Leamington the operations are suspended.  
The Yorkshire miners demand an advance of 10 per  
cent. in their wages. A general conference  
of miners will be held at Manchester on the  
25th inst. for the purpose of organizing  
universal strikes unless the demand of the  
Yorkshire men are conceded. The  
strike agitation is spreading in the iron dis-  
tricts of the north of France, Lorraine, and  
in other districts. The furnaces in the upper  
valley of the Moselle have been blown out.  
A majority of the iron manufacturers in Lor-  
raine are reducing the wages of their em-  
ployees 7 to 10 per cent., and limiting the  
number of workmen and the hours of labor.  
Lancashire, Dec. 24.—Unemployment in the  
coal industry fourth month arbitration  
board, has decided the wages question in  
favor of the miners, awarding them 3 cents  
per bushel. The operators claimed half a  
cent less. The miners are jubilant over the  
award.

Developments lead to the belief of a break  
in a few days of the glass outlook. The  
workers have held a meeting and passed a  
resolution offering to accept the terms offered  
provided the manufacturers have the guaran-  
tee in ten days. Campbell & Co. have sig-  
nified their willingness to treat with the men  
if the proper authorities were sent to confer  
with them. It is probable a meeting will be  
arranged early next week. If the first signs  
of the agreement a general break is expected.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The Typographical  
union in this city has determined to boycott  
The New York Tribune. This is the first  
time such a movement has been entered upon  
in the east. Members of all organizations  
are to be forbidden by the unions to which  
they belong to either buy the boycotted  
paper, purchase from any stand upon which  
it is sold, or patronize any advertiser in that  
sheet. Newsletters and advertisements are to be  
notified of this decision. The former are to be  
required to exhibit conspicuously a card set-  
ting forth that they do not sell The Tribune,  
otherwise no member of a union can pur-  
chase from them. The Knights of Labor  
who number over 400,000 in the United  
States, are to be enlisted in the cause, as also  
all the farmers' unions throughout the United  
States in which the paper circulates. In ad-  
dition to the foregoing the Typographical  
union will publish a newspaper, beginning  
next week. It is to be circulated gratis.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 24.—Trouble is again brew-  
ing among the coal miners in St. Clair county,  
Ill. The men in Brandenburg's mine quit  
work on account of the employment of some  
new men at wages not satisfactory to the  
Miners union, and Charles Nesbitt, president  
of the Miners union, and another miner were  
arrested and fined for intimidating them.

**Physicians' genuine perfumes.**  
X—usually been sold at one dollar  
can now be purchased for fifty cents at  
once at Fentice & Evanson's drug  
store, opposite the post office, and all  
other perfume at twenty-five  
and fifty cents. Cut glass bottles for  
sale at the same price.

**Physicians' attest: "Coulmer's Liquid  
Balm" is particularly useful in Diphtheria,  
Fever, and every depressing disease."**  
Jandriec is cured by a persistent use of  
Baxter's Mandrake Balm. See pam-  
phlet for treatment. Price 25 cents.  
Sold by Stearns & Baker.

**THE RICH MEN OF AMERICA.**  
EVANSVILLE, Dec. 22, 1883.  
To the Editor.

In the article in this week's Weekly  
Gazette, copied from the New York Sun,  
entitled "The Rich Men of America," I  
notice one error which seems to be of suf-  
ficient importance to correct. In speak-  
ing of the rich men of Boston, the ar-  
ticle speaks of Fred L. Ames, as the son  
of Oakes Ames. This is an error. Fred L.  
Ames is the son of Oliver Ames. The  
great shovel manufacturing firm of O.  
Ames & Sons was originally composed of  
Oliver Ames and his two sons, Oakes and  
Oliver, Jr. As the story goes (and I have  
no doubt of its truth), Oliver Ames be-  
gan the manufacture of shovels in a very  
small way in the town of Plymouth,  
Mass., going to market and buying what  
stock he had money to pay for, and tak-  
ing the stock home on his back, making  
it up, and taking the shovels to market  
in the same way. From this small be-  
ginning their present immense business  
has grown up. After his sons were old  
enough to help him, the firm removed to  
Easton. Oakes had three sons, Oakes—  
Oakes, A. Oliver, 3d, (the present lieut-  
enant governor of Massachusetts)  
and Frank; and Oliver, Jr. had one son,  
Fred L.

It will thus be seen that Fred L. Ames  
is not the son of Oakes Ames.

The original members of the firm are  
all dead, and the firm is now composed of  
Oakes A. Oliver, Frank and Fred L.

When a boy, I was for a time a school-  
mate of the present members of the firm,  
and am perfectly confident that the  
above statement is correct.

M. V. PRATT.

**A TRIUMPH OF SKILL.**

**Dr. Price's SPECIAL**

Prepared from Select Fruits  
that yield the finest Flavors.  
Have been used for years. Be-  
come The Standard Flavoring  
Extracts. None of Greater  
Strength. None of such Perfect  
Purity. Always certain to im-  
part to Cakes, Puddings, Sauces,  
the natural Flavor of the Fruit.

**STEELE & PRICE,**  
Chicago, Ill., and St. Louis, Mo.,  
Wholesale and Retail Dealers in  
all kinds of Groceries, Spices, and  
Flavors. We make no second grade goods.

**GRAND DISPLAY OF HOLIDAY GOODS! BOSTWICK & SONS!**

For a good substantial present or something fine and elegant you cannot strike a better place to make a selection. Our store is full of novelties for Christmas presents.

**OUR DRESS GOODS**

Stock was never in better shape, any style of goods you wish and without a doubt the finest assortment of Black Goods in the city; we call particular attention to our Black Ottoman, Cashmere, and All Wool Venetian Crepe de Chine. We have a splendid stock of Damask Table linen, Towels and Napkins and an extra nice line of fine Counterpanes. You cannot select a more appreciative present than something of the above class. Big inducements in

**LADIES' and CHILDREN'S FUR SETS.**

A new arrival of extra fine Jersey Jackets. If you wish an elegant Shawl, Velvet, Camels Hair, Smooth Wool, or Paisley. Examine our stock. If you wish to feast your eyes on something above the general HOOD LINE, do not miss examining ours, the finest stock in the city. We have just opened up a large line of Sample CLOAKS, bought at a great discount and will sell them accordingly; it may benefit you to examine them. We have a show of real and imitation Laces, Lace Collars, Fichus and Neckwear, Silk and Linen Hankerchiefs and Gents' Mufflers, that would do honor to a city establishment. The people appreciate the GREAT 6 1-4 CENT SHEETING; it is not unusual for the farmers to buy four and five pieces at a purchase. When people once get inside of our store they cannot help but buy, as our prices are right and our goods the best. Respectfully, J. M. BOSTWICK & SONS, White Block, Main Street.

**THE GREATEST SILK AND VELVET SALE,**

EVER MADE IN THIS CITY. McKEY & BRO., WILL ON

**FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND MONDAY,**

OFFER THEIR ENTIRE LINE OF

Black, Colored, Brocaded and Fancy Silks, Black and Colored Velvets

Plain and Brocaded, Regardless of Cost.

\$10,000 worth of the finest goods in the DRY GOODS trade to be placed in this sale. This will

be the largest sale of this class of goods ever known in Janesville.

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**1883. THE HAPPY HOLIDAY TIME! 1884.**

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**PIONEER BOOKSTORE OF JAS. SUTHERLAND & SONS**

Among the large and extensive stock of goods which we are now offering for sale may be enumerated

**School Books, Stationery, Paper Hangings**

For the Million, Wholesale and Retail.

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Prayer and Hymn Books, Books on Art, Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, Standard Biographical, Historical and Scientific Books, Standard Works of Fiction and Romance, Photo and Auto Albums, Writing Desks, Fancy Ink Stands, together with a great variety of Art and Fancy Goods too numerous to mention. ALL—old and young, rich and poor, are invited to call and take a look at our mammoth stock, and we will endeavor to give you the best of attention and prices that will be satisfactory. The manu-  
facture of FINE PICTURE FRAMES A SPECIALTY.

**JAS. SUTHERLAND & SONS,**

East Side of River, Janesville, Wis.

Established in 1858.

**THE OLD RELIABLE INSURANCE HEADQUARTERS!**

We represent THIRTY SOUND COMPANIES, being the largest agency in the Northwest. Among our companies are

The Oldest, Largest and Strongest in America, England, or in the World!

They are truly TIME TRIED AND FIRE TESTED. Many of these Companies have been through all the terri-  
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AND HAVE ALWAYS PAID ONE HUNDRED CENTS ON THE DOLLAR!

and are now as SOLID AS THE ROCKS, after paying millions upon millions to their patrons. Between three and four  
hundred Insurance Companies in this country have gone to the wall—either failed outright or re-insured their risks and retired from  
the field since 1870, and more of the weaklings will go year by year. The one hundred millions of dollars annually destroyed  
by fire in this country is sure to bankrupt them. Our rates are as low as other responsible companies. All honest losses fairly and  
promptly adjusted and paid. THE BEST IS THE CHEAPEST.

**DIMOCK & HAYNER'S**

Fire, Life, Accident and Tornado Insurance and Real Estate Agency, next door East of Rook Co.  
National Bank, first floor, Janesville, Wis. Money to Loan.







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Dental Surgeon.

Office in Smith & Jackson block, over Rock  
County National Bank, Janesville, Wis. Treats  
all diseases in all its branches. Administers  
anesthesia for the painless extraction of teeth.

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Judging a Man's Temperament and  
Traits by the Way He Smokes  
a Cigar.

(New York Journal.)

"Gimme a 'Gent' cigar!" said a man, hur-  
riedly, as he rushed into a downtown cigar  
store and thrust down a nickel. Grasping a  
cigar without waiting to examine it, he lit it  
and left the store like a hurricane.

"That man is a thorough-going business man,"  
observed a bystander in a trade directory, who  
had just seen the clerk. "He is always on the  
lookout for a bargain, and can read a man like  
a book."

"How do you know?" asked the reporter.

"I know," replied the clerk, "because I have  
seen him in the street, and he has a certain  
look about him, which tells me that he is a  
thorough-going business man."

"By thinking a note of each man's probable  
characteristics as they come in here, and by  
long experience among smokers," was the  
answer. "Why, almost any clerk in a cigar  
store (I mean one who has any number of  
years' experience) can tell you a man's  
temperament as soon as he takes a puff at a  
cigar."

"Then this man, as it might be called," re-  
marked the reporter, "is only acquired through  
years of experience?"

"Now you've got it to a T," was the reply.

"Why, strange as it may seem to you, my  
follow-up can tell just the style of hand-  
writing a person uses in the manner in which  
he handles his cigar. Hey, Jim?"

"Well, pretty nearly," answered "Jim,"  
modestly.

"Come over here," said the first speaker,  
"and show him."

"Jim, who had been fixing up the window,  
came over to where the reporter and clerk  
stood."

"Well," he said.

"Tell this gentleman what his style of  
writing is."

After regarding the reporter, who was  
pushing a cigar, Jim said: "Well, I guess  
you do a good deal of writing. Your letters  
are plain and round, and if you tried you  
could be a better penman. How is it, Jim?"

"That's all right," remarked the clerk to the  
reporter, "and I'll bet you a cigar he came near  
it."

"I don't know," replied the reporter, "but  
I'm sure I can't do it. I'm sure I can't do it."

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# THE GAZETTE.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24.  
LOCAL MATTERS.

If you want to buy a Rock county farm, a house and lot or business block in the city, rent a farm to work or house to live in cheap—on a square deal—you can do it every time by calling on  
H. H. BLANCHARD.

An 80-acre farm, 1 1/2 miles from the city, with improvements worth \$2,000. All for \$4,500. C. E. BOWLES.

Elegant line of playing cards at Eldredges.

GRUB WANTED—Apply at 24 Cherry street.

Smoke none but Smokes.  
See the display at Archie Reid's.

Bowles loans money at a low rate.  
Lost—On West Milwaukee street this morning a black morocco pocket book containing \$11.00 in currency. The finder will be suitably rewarded at the Gazette office.

Smoke the best Smokes.  
Smoke a Smack, 5 cents.

C. E. Bowles has some special bargains to offer in building lots, near business, if sold before January 1st.

See the display at Archie Reid's.

Some of the best homes in the city are for sale by C. E. Bowles.

Smoke the celebrated Smack.  
M. C. Smith has just received two dozen large size, nearly one yard square of the old fashioned bandana silk handkerchiefs, which have been so scarce to find for the past ten years, and he is selling them at the old price, twenty-five years since. They make a very nice Christmas present for your father, your grandfather or your great grandfather.

Look at Archie Reid's stock.  
Holiday bargains—12 pounds of granulated sugar for \$1.00; elegant tea sets less than cost, at M. J. Leahy's, West Milwaukee street.

Smoke Smack cigars.

Never has any home in Janesville offered the people like and value at the prices McKee & Bro. will sell them at during their sale. McKee & Bro.

Look at Archie Reid's stock.  
Call on Fred H. Fellows, the jeweler, for your holiday presents.

The largest stock of carriages and sleighs in the city may be found at the factory of H. Buchholz, East Milwaukee street. He offers special inducements till January 1st. Call and examine the stock, and be convinced that he means business. All work is warranted and is strictly first class.

See the display at Archie Reid's.

Attend the great silk and velvet sale at McKee & Bro's, to-morrow.

To-morrow morning the big silk sale commences at McKee & Bro's.

Cigar cases at Eldredges.

The cheapest goods ever known in the city will be the silks and velvets at McKee & Bro's sale to-morrow.

S. L. James has the well-known Mitchell, Fish Bros. and the Boloi wagon, that will be sold cheap.

Gold frames and picture frames, at Warren Collins.

S. L. James has any quantity of cutters. Please call and see them, I can't be undersold.

\$10.00 worth of silks and velvets or sale at cost, to-morrow, at McKee & Bro's.

Holiday goods at Eldredges.

Christmas cards, from 10 cents to \$2.00 at Warren Collins.

Toilet sets at Eldredges.

Artist materials, 40c, at Warren Collins. Odds sets at Eldredges.

Oil, colors, novelties at Warren Collins.

Holiday goods at Prentice & Evenson's, opposite postoffice.

Charlie Hoss dolls, 25 cents, at Wheeler's.

Gold frames, etc., at Warren Collins.

Go to Palmer & Stevens' drugstore for Humphrey's Homeopathic Specific.

FOR SALE, cheap—Five acres in the city, with extra good house and barn worth \$4,000; will be sold for \$2,500. Enquire of J. G. Saxe, real estate and insurance agent, who has money to loan.

English print, brown and black, 50 pieces tea sets, \$4.00; Mother Hubbard tea sets, new, \$3.00, at Wheeler's.

Elegant plush cases of fine scissors, at Wheeler's.

Bargains in boots and shoes at Truison & Peterson's, West Milwaukee street.

The best line of holiday slippers in the city, at Truison & Peterson's, West Milwaukee street.

Smoke the "Young Fritz" cigar, a genuine 10 cent, clear Havana filler, six for 25 cents, at Yankin's, 23 Main street.

Fine Perfumes at Prentice & Evenson's, opposite postoffice.

A large line of Christmas presents, to please both old and young, at all prices, at W. H. Astor's, 22 West Milwaukee street.

Children's mittens, 10 cents a pair. Children's and men's hoods very cheap, at N. Y. Saving store.

Elegant cut glass bottles at Palmer & Stevens.

Don't forget to drop in at Heimstreet's when looking for Christmas presents.

Misses' wool hose—2 pair for 25 cents at New York Saving store.

New lot of Plant food just received at Heimstreet's, it will make your plants bloom.

Holiday goods arriving daily. Those seeking Christmas gifts should not fail to inspect our stock.

N. Y. SAVING STORE.

Special sale silk Handkerchiefs at Chicago store.

Bulk oysters at E. & P.

## No Paper to-morrow.

That all hands connected with the Gazette printing company may enjoy a merry Christmas, no paper will be issued from this office on to-morrow.

## Briefs.

—Merry Christmas to all.  
—Common council night.  
—To drums were jailed yesterday.  
—"Nobody's Claim" at the opera house this evening.

—Mr. Fred A. Quinn, of Elgin, is home to spend Christmas.  
—There will be any amount of amusement in the city this evening.

—Judge L. F. Patton returned home from Chicago on Saturday evening.

—Crystal Temple of Honor meet this evening, in their hall in the Judd block.

—The telephone office will be closed to-morrow from ten o'clock a. m. till six p. m.

—Mr. Fred Kinney, of Rock Island, is in the city, to spend the holidays with his parents.

—Parties wishing music during the holidays will please call on Mr. James Holmes.

—C. M. Scammon, Esq., has gone to Mount Ida, Grant county, to spend the holidays.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Orant, of Chicago, are in the city to spend Christmas with friends.

—Janesville Lodge No. 55, F. and A. M. occupy Masonic hall this evening. In-stallation of officers.

—Our merchants are enjoying a lively holiday trade to-day. The city is full of people from the country.

—Mr. Harry Cummings, formerly of the Gazette force, but now railroading at Waterloo, Iowa, is home to spend the holidays.

—Postoffice hours on Tuesday, Christmas day, office will be opened from 8 a. m. to 9 a. m. (one hour), and from 2 p. m. to 3 p. m. (one hour).

—George F. Kimball, son of Mr. Frank D. Kimball, has gone to Topeka, Kansas, to spend the holidays with the family of his uncle, Hon. George L. Peck.

—Lost—This morning—near the post-office, a purse with a small amount of money, belonging to a working girl. The finder will confer a favor by leaving it at this office.

—Miss Mary Stewart, of Chicago, is in the city to spend the holidays with relatives and friends. She is stopping with the family of her brother-in-law, Mr. W. H. Bonesteel.

—Warren Helm was before the municipal court, to-day for examination on charge of adultery, but the defendant waived examination and gave bail for his appearance on January 2d.

—Two drunks were before the municipal court, each pleading guilty. The court fined each one dollar and cost, making a little bill of \$4.95 for each to settle.

—The people generally in the city are busy to-day making arrangements for a merry Christmas, and outdoor business has been somewhat neglected, making news items rather scarce.

—Remember the annual party of Washington Engine Co. No. 1, this evening, in the Rifles' armory. Anderson's orchestra will furnish the music, and all who attend will have an enjoyable time.

—The music at St. Patrick's church to-morrow promises to be unusually fine, and will consist of the Kyrie, Gloria, and Sanctus from Mozart's "Waltz mass"; Ordo, Agnus Dei and Benedicite from Peter's mass in D, and Cherubino's Ave Maria.

—A. J. Bushong, formerly catcher for the Janesville Mutuals, but now with the Cleveland, has gone to Paris, France, to conclude his study in dentistry; and Johnny Ward, the pitcher, is studying law at Columbia college, New York, this winter.

—Mr. D. C. Guernsey and family, of Dayton, Washington territory; and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Guernsey, of Lemars, Iowa, are in the city for the purpose of spending the holidays with their mother, Mrs. S. C. Guernsey, and other relatives and friends.

—Conductor Thomas F. Keating and family, who now reside at Boone, Iowa, are in the city to spend the holidays with relatives and friends. Mr. Keating's run is from Belle Plume, to Council Bluffs, on the Northwestern road.

—In the circuit court this morning a divorce was granted Mrs. Anne Hamming from her husband James on the ground of desertion. Carpenter & McGowan were the plaintiff's attorneys, and E. M. Hyzer appeared for the defendant as a matter of form, but made no defense.

—Remember, all ye bent on amusement, that the St. Patrick's T. A. & B. society are preparing to entertain their friends on New Year's eve, in the Rifles' armory. Parker & Evenson provide the supper, and Anderson's full band the music. All will do well by giving the society a call.

—The members of the fire department met at the west side engine house on Saturday evening and elected Mr. Chas. Horn, of Washington Engine Co. No. 1, as second assistant engineer, vice A. W. Bauman, resigned. Mr. Horn was elected by acclamation, and will make a good officer in the department.

—A telegram was received on Saturday evening, announcing the death, by croup, of the only child, a little four-months old daughter, of Robert A. and Edith A. Browne, of Amazon, Nebraska, and granddaughter of Mrs. Russ, of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Browne were similarly afflicted some five years ago, by the death of a little son. Mrs. Russ started this forenoon for Nebraska, in the hope of reaching there in time for the funeral.

—This forenoon, as Mr. George Turk and companion, were driving up Main street in a cutter, their horse became frightened by the boys coasting on South First street, and started on a run. The horse overturned the cutter, and went up the street flying, but was soon captured, but not until it had severely cut one of its hind legs, besides breaking the harness considerably. The horse was taken to Dr. Brown's stable on Park avenue, and properly cared for.

—There is a general kick all along the line in regard to the enforcement of the "clean-the-snow-off-your-sidewalk-ordinance," while the drifts are allowed to

remain on the bridges for an indefinite period, and the walks along and through the public grounds remain impassable owing to the deep snow. There is also complaint made of the practice of some in throwing the snow into the streets in piles, which are liable to upset light cutters and vehicles. Since the above was put in type, the authorities have put a force to work clearing the walks on the upper bridge.

## CHRISTMAS EVE.

The arrangements of the several Churches for the celebration of the Christmas Eve.

FIRST M. E. CHURCH.  
The Sunday school of the First M. E. church will have a Christmas arch and entertainment at the church this evening, commencing at 7:30 o'clock. This will be a novel entertainment, and the friends of the church and Sabbath school are invited to participate.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.  
The Congregational Sunday school will celebrate Christmas eve at the chapel this evening. Supper will be served from 6 to 7:30 in the church parlors, and following the supper will be the unloading of the Christmas tree. The members and friends of the society are cordially invited to be present.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.  
The Presbyterian church will give a Christmas entertainment in Leppin's music hall this evening at seven o'clock. Every scholar belonging to the Sunday school will receive a handsome present. An excellent entertainment will be given, to which outsiders will be admitted for ten cents.

BAPTIST CHURCH.  
On Christmas evening the Baptist Sunday school will give an entertainment in the church parlors. (Rev. Horace Gates will exhibit his disolving views, and other exercises will make the entertainment very interesting for the young people.

ALL SOULS CHURCH.  
On Wednesday evening All Souls church will hold a Christmas festival for the Sunday school connected with the church. Music, dialogues, and a play entitled "Among the Pines," will be presented. Also a Christmas tree laden with presents for the Sunday school children.

THE WEATHER.  
At seven o'clock yesterday morning the thermometer registered 20 degrees above zero. Cloudy, with east wind. At one o'clock p. m. the register was 29 degrees above zero. Cloudy—light east—light southeast wind.

At seven o'clock this morning the thermometer registered 13 degrees above zero. Partly cloudy with east wind. At one o'clock p. m. the register was 29 degrees above zero. Clear with southeast wind.

The grip of pneumonia may be ward off with HALE'S HONEY OF HORSERADISH and LAX.

PINK'S TOOTHACHE DROPS cure in one minute.

A Clergyman's Testimony.  
W. E. Gifford, pastor [M. E. church] Bothwell, Ont., was for two years a sufferer from dyspepsia in its worst form until he used this medicine.

"Three bottles of Burdock Blood Bitters cured him, and he tells us in a recent letter that he considers it the best family medicine now before the country for dyspepsia and liver complaint."

Palmer & Stevens and Sherman & Co.

A DOG'S LONG JOURNEY.  
Making His Way from Janesville, Wis., to the Old Home in New York.

The following interesting item has been contributed to the New York Sun by Mr. William C. Gover, of New York. Mr. Lowber, mentioned in the article, was the late W. C. Lobor, of this city, whose death occurred here on the 13th of January, 1882.

"We have taken the liberty to correct Mr. Gover as to the place at which Mr. Lowber settled when he came west, the place being named as Green Bay, whereas he came to Janesville, being here from that time to his death."

"To the Editor of the New York Sun—Sir: In the Sun of the 11th inst. I saw an extract from an Indian paper stating that a dog had walked 1,000 miles. This incident reminds me of one that happened many years ago, the truth of which I can honestly vouch for."

In the year 1847 I resided with my brother-in-law, George Snyder, my two sisters and my mother, at 150 Forsyth street, near Rivington, this city. In the lower part of the house lived Mr. William Lowber, who for many years was attached to the U. S. Cavalry and was then edited by James Watson Webb, in Wall street, near Pearl, as collector of marine and foreign news. The drowning of an eschimal was engaged to be the subject of Mr. Lowber's news item, in the rapid and whirlpools of Roll Gate, so deeply affected the mind of Mr. Lowber that he determined to abandon his occupation and to seek in the far west.

Accordingly he purchased a farm some where near Janesville, Wis., where he moved with his family, and where, no doubt, as he was then advanced in years, he has been long and happily settled. Among other objects he obtained for the purpose of stocking his farm was a large dog, presented to him by a friend in Brooklyn, which he intended to employ in the profitable occupation of butchering. Being taken to the dog house, he was confined there in the yard of the house in which we lived for several weeks. The animal was mild and gentle, and of a very affectionate nature. His many good qualities soon won for him the regard and the compassion of our family, especially of my mother, who kindly attended all his wants.

At length the time came when we were to part with Jack, and he was ignominiously tied to the tail of a cow and taken to the slaughter house. He was not to be killed, but was to be sold to a skinner and to be cut up for the dogs of the city. He was not to be sold, but was to be taken to the streets to be sold to the dogs of the city. He was not to be sold, but was to be taken to the streets to be sold to the dogs of the city.

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## THE FATAL BULLET.

Suicide of R. B. Slocum at His Home Yesterday Morning.

The Findings of the Coroner's Jury.  
There was considerable excitement in the city yesterday, caused by a report being circulated early in the morning that R. B. Slocum, who resides on what is known as the Smith farm, some two and a half miles north of the city, on Milton avenue, north of the Winans farm, had committed suicide by shooting a bullet through his brain. The report was soon confirmed, and Judge M. S. Prior issued a summons for a coroner's jury. Deputy Sheriff J. F. Drake summoned Messrs. R. D. Smith, F. Putnam, Ezra Dillenbeck, H. S. King, Patrick Kearney and Joseph Wright, who went to the scene of the suicide for the purpose of holding an inquest.

It appears by the testimony taken that the deceased had been sick, confined to his bed, since the 14th of December; on Friday last, he was able to get up, and went to his barn. On Saturday at eleven o'clock, he came to the city, and about four o'clock his wife drove into the city after him, and found him about six o'clock in the evening in Bob's saloon, she testified that he was not drunk, but had been drinking; they remained in town until after ten o'clock, and she did not discover that he was drunk until they reached the bill going home. On the way home Mrs. Slocum drove the team, and upon reaching the house Slocum took the team to the barn. They had beer in the house, and before retiring to bed all had some beer. They arrived home about eleven o'clock. Henry Boub, a man named E. H. Campbell, and the hired girl, were at the house. All retired to bed soon after 12 o'clock, when Slocum and his wife, who occupied the same room, but slept in separate beds, commenced a conversation, which was continued for some time, Mrs. Slocum saying to her husband that he was bringing disgrace upon himself and family, when he jumped up and took a revolver out of the bureau, a \$2-barrel Smith & Wesson, (central fire) and said, "If that is so I will end it here." He placed the weapon near his right temple and fired, the ball passing through the head, coming out on the opposite side a little higher up than the point of entrance, struck the plastering, and fell back on the bed, where it was found yesterday. Slocum fell in front of the door dead. Such, in substance, is the evidence of his wife, who, with her three children, was in the room at the time.

Several other witnesses were examined, but their testimony agreed, and the jurors thereupon returned the following verdict:  
An inquest taken before M. S. Prior, justice of the peace, on the 23d day of December, 1882, at the late residence of R. B. Slocum, in the town of Harmony, Rock county, Wisconsin, by the following named jurors, viz.: R. D. Smith, F. Putnam, Ezra Dillenbeck, H. S. King, Patrick Kearney and Joseph Wright, who were duly sworn to inquire upon the view of the dead body of R. B. Slocum, there lying dead, when, in what manner, and by what means the said R. B. Slocum came to his death. The said jurors do upon their oaths say, that the said R. B. Slocum, on the 23d day of December, 1882, at his residence in the town of Harmony, Rock county, came to his death by his own hands by intentionally shooting himself through the head with a revolver.

Dated December 23, 1882.  
(Signed) R. D. SMITH,  
H. S. KING,  
F. PUTNAM,  
E. DILLENBECK,  
PATRICK KEARNEY,  
JOSEPH WRIGHT.

M. S. PRIOR, Justice of the Peace.  
The witnesses sworn before the coroner's jury were Rachel M. Slocum, wife of the deceased; E. H. Campbell, Henry Boub, Dr. J. B. Whiting, H. Palmer and W. H. Palmer.

The deceased leaves three children, the eldest being seven years old.

There were several rumors floating in the city this morning relating to the death of the deceased, but we are informed by the officials that there is not the least foundation for such wild stories, and we do not deem it proper to here report them.

E. B. Slocum has ended his career on earth by his own hands—let the mantle of kindness cover up his record—and the living receive a lesson therefrom.

Papillon Skin Cure, (Papillon Catarrh Cure, Papillon Cough Cure, manufactured by the Papillon Manufacturing Co. of Chicago, Ill., and advertised in this paper is for sale by Palmer & Stevens and Prentice & Evenson.

MARRIED.  
CLARKE-MOCHARDEN.—At the residence of the bride's mother, Rev. J. J. Clarke, on Wednesday, December 18th, 1882, by Rev. George Walker, Mr. John M. Mocharden and Miss Elizabeth Mocharden, of Newville.

After the ceremony the company sat down to a bounteous repast. The young couple are well known and highly